

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: June 8, 2015
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Business

- *Ad Hoc Committee on Police Services* – I propose that the ad hoc committee hold its regular meetings at 4:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month, beginning on July 9, 2015. Committee members should let me know if this schedule does not work for them.
- *Budget Referendum* and Special Town Council meeting– The Town Clerk received a valid petition to conduct a referendum on the FY 2015/16 Budget adopted at Town Meeting. The referendum is scheduled for June 16, 2015 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building, 4 South Eagleville Road to take action on the following questions:
 - Are you in favor of the budget as adopted on May 12, 2015?
 - If the budget is defeated, is the town budget portion too high or too low?
 - If the budget is defeated, is the school budget portion too high or too low?

Staff is planning to schedule a Special Town Council meeting for the night of June 17, 2015 to debrief the referendum, make any necessary adjustments to the budget and to set the mill rate for FY 2015/16. Questions regarding the referendum may be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302.

- *June 10th Special Finance Committee Meeting* – The Finance Committee will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30PM in the Council Chamber to discuss the financial controls assessment.
- *State Aid* – The General Assembly has adopted its biennial budget for FY2015-17. The state budget includes changes to the Resident Trooper program and state aid to municipalities. Please see the attached spreadsheet for more detail.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* – During the week of June 8, 2015, crews will be conducting restoration activities in the vicinity of Highland Road and Stone Ridge Lane. Weekly construction updates can be found at www.NEEWSprojects.com. Residents can also call 1-866-99NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or email NEEWS@NU.com for more information.
- *Storrs Center*
 - *Town Square Ribbon-Cutting* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership together with the community celebrated the recent completion of Mansfield's Town Square at a ribbon cutting and dedication on May 29, 2015. The ribbon cutting went very well and we had beautiful weather. Eileen Ossen of the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation spoke about looking forward to many events on the new stage which is now named after the Foundation. Mayor Paterson, Mike Kirk from UConn, Howard Kaufman from Storrs Center master developer LeylandAlliance, and Jeffrey Resetco with EdR, also spoke. Following the ceremony, residents and visitors enjoyed a musical performance by Oh, Cassius! on the newly completed Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation Pavilion. I would like to give a special thanks to Downtown Partnership and Town staff for the excellent work they did in preparing for this event.

Department Reports

- *Town Manager's Office*
 - *ICMA Senior Executive Institute* – Last week I attended ICMA's senior executive institute held at the University of Virginia. The session was extremely informative and I plan to review with the Personnel Committee some of the key lessons that I learned. SEI was a very positive experience and I greatly appreciate the Council's continued support of my professional development activities.

Upcoming Events

- *Eagleville Lake Community Forum* – Eagleville Lake is being invaded by Fanwort (an aquatic invasive species). Left untreated, the quality and ability to enjoy recreational use of the lake will continue to decline. Thanks to grant funding, the town is able to hire a licensed professional to administer an herbicide treatment this summer. A community forum to discuss the issue and treatment plan will be held on June 10th at 7:00PM in the Eagleville Firehouse on Stafford Road (Route 32).
- *Live Music Wednesday's* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites residents to enjoy free concerts on the Town Square this summer. Live Music Wednesday will now be held each week through July 1. The concerts will take place on the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation Pavilion on the Town Square from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair, and enjoy the music! 2015 Live Music Wednesday Schedule: June 3: Gideon Ampeire Quartet; June 10: Jan Jungden Trio; June 17: Bruce John and the Bandaleros; June 24: The Professors of Sweet, Sweet Music; July 1: The Funky Dawgz Brass Band. For more information, please contact the Mansfield Downtown Partnership (mdp@mansfieldct.org or 860.429.2740).
- *John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield* – The Town of Mansfield, Mansfield Community Center, and Mansfield Downtown Partnership invite bicyclists of all skill levels to participate in the 10th Annual [John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield](#) on Saturday, June 20, 2015 (rain date is Sunday, June 21). The day has been designed to appeal to cyclists of all skill levels and will include a 5-Mile Family Fun Ride accompanied by police officers, a 20-Mile Challenge Ride, and a 40-Mile Expert Ride. All rides will begin and end at the Mansfield Community Center (10 S. Eagleville Road). Registration for the John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield is required; pre-registration is strongly encouraged. The registration fee covers ride support, snacks, and lunch. The first 100 adults to register will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Children are invited to participate in a free Bike Rodeo for kids. This event highlights road safety, equipment safety, and maintenance and riding skills. The Bike Rodeo will take place at the Mansfield Community Center beginning at 9:00AM. Registration is available through the Community Center's website, www.mansfieldccc.com. If you have questions, please contact the Town of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department, 860.429.3015.
- *Storrs Farmers Market* – Storrs Farmers Market is in its 21st season. The Market is open from 3:00 to 6:00PM every Saturday through November 22nd on the front lawn of the Beck Municipal Building (Town Hall). Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut. Visit www.storrsfarmersmarket.org for more information and to sign up for weekly emails from the Market.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Youth Service Advisory Board, June 9, 2015, 11:45 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, June 9, 2015, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, June 10, 2015, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, June 10, 2015, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Zoning Board of Appeals, June 10, 2015, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Mansfield Advocates for Children Executive Council Meeting, June 11, 2015, 10:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Playground Committee, June 11, 2015, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education, June 11, 2015, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, June 12, 2015, 8:10 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, June 15, 2015, 4:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, June 15, 2015, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Cemetery Committee, June 17, 2015, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Town Council Meeting, June 17, 2015, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, June 17, 2015, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Water/Wastewater Policy Advisory Committee, June 18, 2015, 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, June 22, 2015, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*